# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

### REPORT ON RIVER GAGE STATION

REVISED, PRINTED DATES: 04/08/2010, 08/22/2010

LOCATION: ALDA STREAM: WOOD RIVER

BASIN: PLATTE 9 HSA: GID

### **REFERENCES:**

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## ABBREVIATIONS:

BM - bench mark		EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
DS - downstream		IBWC - International Boundary and Water Comm.
US - upstream	MSRC	- Mississippi River Commission
HW - high water		MORC - Missouri River Commission
LW - low water	NOAA	- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admin.
RB - right bank		NOS - National Ocean Survey
LB - left bank	NWS	- National Weather Service
MGL - mean gulf level		TVA - Tennessee Valley Authority
MLW - mean low water		USACE - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
MSL - mean sea level		USBR - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
MLT - mean low tide		USGS - U.S. Geological Survey
MT - mean tide	USWB	- U.S. Weather Bureau
WQ - water quality		NGVD - National Geodetic Vertical Datum
RM - reference mark		NAD - North American Datum
RP - reference point		

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION: ALDN1
NWS INDEX NUMBER: 25-0091-5
USGS NUMBER: 06772000

# MAP OF GAGE LOCATION

LATITUDE: 40 51 17 LONGITUDE: 98 28 27 SOURCE: NDNR Station Descrip

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# BENCHMARKS

ELEVATION OF GAGE ZERO: 1895.920 LEVELING AGENCY AND DATE: 4/20/2009 RATING AGENCY: USGS

VERTICAL DATUM: NGVD 1929 CHECKBAR: 16.370

BENCHMARK	DESCRIPTION	GAGE ZERO	DATUM
RM5	DEPT. OF ROADS BRASS CAP SET IN THE SOUTHEAST CONCRETE WINGWALL OF THE WOOD RIVER BRIDGE ON STATE LINK 40 C SOUTH OF ALDA.	15.160	1911.080
RM6	CHISELED SQUARE ON UPSTREAM CORNER OF LEFT CONCRETE BRIDGE WINGWALL.	15.260	1911.180
RM7	CHISELED X ON THE SOUTH UPSTREAM LEG OF THE GAGE HOUSE.	15.400	1911.320
RM8	STANDARD BRONZE TABLET IN A CONCRETE POST 31.5 FEET DOWNSTREAM FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE GAGE HOUSE.	11.950	1907.870

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## GAGES

DCP TELEM

NESS ID: 4021353A OWNER: STATENE REPORT TIME: 00:56 INTERVAL: 60 

GAGE TYPE	OWNER	MAINTENANCE	BEGAN	ENDED	GAGE LOCATION/REMARKS
bubble	USGS	USGS	10/30/1953	06/24/1977	THIS IS AN INSIDE RECORDER DRIVEN BY A BUBBLER GAGE-ALL HOUSED IN A STANDARD LINCOLN DISTRICT 48 INCH CMP SHELTER,
staff	USGS	USGS	10/30/1953		SOME 1.3 MILES SOUTHWEST OF ALDA. THE OUTSIDE REFERENCE GAGES ARE THREE STAFF GAGES EACH CONSISTING OF A SINGLE STAFF SECTION MOUNTED ON A 2x6 INCH
bubble	USGS	USGS	06/24/1977	03/14/1995	MANOMETER WITH A 35 FOOT RANGE WAS INSTALLED. FISHER-PORTER DIGITAL RECORDER, STEVENS A-35 RECORDER AND
crest	USGS	USGS	05/17/1982		SERVO-MANOMETER WITH 35 FT RANGE REMOVED 3/14/95. CREST STAGE RECORDER WAS INSTALLED IN RIGHT BANK 6 FEET DOWNSTREAM OF GAGE, CAPTURING LEVELS OF 6 TO 12 FEET.
bubble	State DNR	State DNR	03/14/1995		AN ISCO 4230 BUBBLE FLOW METER WITH RECORDER WAS INSTALLED 3/14/95.

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# **HISTORY**

PUBLICATION/LOCATION OF R	STARTING DATE 	ENDING DATE	
TYPE OF GAGE bubble staff bubble crest bubble	OWNER USGS USGS USGS USGS USGS USGS USGS State DNR	STARTING DATE 10/30/1953 10/30/1953 06/24/1977 05/17/1982 03/14/1995	ENDING DATE 
ZERO ELEVATION 		STARTING DATE  01/01/1929 10/30/1953 04/17/2009	

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CRESTS

FLOOD STAGE: 10.00 ACTION STAGE: 9.00 BANKFULL STAGE: 9.00

FLOOD FLOW:	555	ACTION	FLOW:	390

DATE OF CREST	TIME LST	CREST (ft)	FLOW (CFS)	FROM HIGH WATERMARKS	CAUSED BY ICE JAM	REMARKS
07/25/1958	HNDEE	10.83	742		 	
03/29/1960		10.05	1370			
06/12/1960		10.74	1020			
05/29/1965		10.83	1150			
06/16/1967		12.22	1630			RECORD FLOOD.
06/26/1968		11.45	968			
03/21/1969	UNDEF	11.65	982			
03/15/1978	UNDEF	10.92	912			
02/27/1980	UNDEF	7.63	214	Χ		
07/08/1984		10.05	598	Χ		
09/17/1985		10.22	582	Χ		
09/09/1986		6.11	97			
06/13/1987		8.64	369			
02/21/1988		6.10	96			
06/28/1989		9.78	512			
08/15/1990		8.39	261			
06/01/1991		10.02	559			
07/13/1992		5.71	43			
03/12/1993 06/11/1994		11.81 10.32	1300 576			
05/30/1995		9.94	486			
06/18/1996		10.10	443			
08/14/1997		5.65	47			
05/24/1998		10.25	575			
06/03/1999		8.92	286			
06/16/2000		5.97	50			
03/13/2001		8.22	235			
08/29/2002		5.67	41			
05/29/2003	UNDEF	6.78	106			
07/30/2004		5.19	19			
05/12/2005		12.30	1740			TIME IN GMT.
06/20/2006		6.95	116			
02/23/2007		10.09	364			Peak discharge and gage height for the year.
04/27/2007	15:00	9.35				

# LOW WATER RECORDS

DATE OF LOW WATER	STAGE (ft)	FLOW (CFS)	REMARKS
10/30/1953	0.00	0	ZERO FLOWS ARE COMMON IN LATE SUMMER AND FALL
09/15/1994		0	0 FLOW 9/15 TO 9/22 AND 10/25 TO 11/11 1994
09/27/1995		0	0 FLOW 9/13 10 9/22 AND 10/23 10 11/11 1994 0 FLOW 9/27 THROUGH 10/24 1996
03/26/1996		0	0 FLOW 03/26/1996 AND 10/31/1996
09/07/1997		0	0 FLOW MANY DAYS IN 1997
10/01/1998		0	0 FLOW MANY DAYS IN 1998
10/08/1998		0	ACTUAL FLOW WAS 0.41 ON 10/8/98 AND 12/1/98
09/07/2000		Θ	0 FLOW 9/7 TO 9/30 2000
10/01/2001		0	0 FLOW MANY DAYS THROUGH THE YEAR
10/01/2003		0	0 FLOW MANY DAYS THROUGH THE WATER YEAR
10/13/2003	3.90	0	NDNR SAID POINT OF ZERO FLOW OCCURS AT 3.9 FT
10/01/2004		0	0 FLOW MANY DAYS THROUGH THE WATER YEAR
10/01/2005		0	Many days of 0 Oct-May

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## CONDITIONS AFFECTING FLOW

MILES ABOVE MOUTH: 19.0 DRAINAGE AREA: 628.0 POOL STAGE: 0.0

STREAM BED: COMPOSED MAINLY OF SAND AND SANDY CLAY.

REACH: DOWNSTREAM TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF GRAND ISLAND, UPSTREAM TO NEAR WOOD RIVER.

REGULATION: NUMEROUS SMALL PUMP DIVERSIONS FOR IRRIGATION ABOVE STATION

DIVERSION: WATER DIVERTED BY NUMEROUS SMALL PUMP IRRIGATION.

WINTER: CHANNEL SUBJECT TO FREEZING AND ICE JAMS.

TOPOGRAPHY: NATURAL CHANNEL IN THE VICINITY OF GAGE IS VERY WINDING WITH

FAIRLY HIGH BANKS. THE CHANNEL IS STRAIGHT FOR A DISTANCE OF 100 FT. ABOVE THE GAGE, AND 60 FT. BELOW THE GAGE, WITH A HIGH BANK ON RIGHT AND MEDIUM BANK ON THE LEFT.

**REMARKS:** 

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## DAMAGE

STAGE AREAS AFFECTED

10.00 MINOR LOWLAND FLOODING BEGINS IN RURAL PASTURE AND FARM LANDS. AT MODERATE AND EVEN HIGHER STAGES, THE LEFT BANK OVERFLOWS FIRST FLOODING LOWLANDS AND SOME COUNTRY ROADS. AT VERY HIGH STAGES, STATE HIGHWAY 30 UPSTREAM ACTS AS A STRONG CONSTRICTION TO FLOOD CRESTS.

12.22 RECORD FLOOD.

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# RIVER STAGE DATA

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12.22 - RECORD FLOOD.	ji	12.30	05/12/2005
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		10.95	03/29/1960
		10.33	06/12/1960
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		10.32	06/11/1994
	10-	10.32	06/18/1996
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10.00 - MINOR LOWLAND FLOODING BEGINS IN RURAL PASTURE AND FARM LANDS. AT MODERATE AND EVEN		9.94	05/30/1995
HIGHER STAGES, THE LEFT BANK OVERFLOWS FIRST FLOODING LOWLANDS AND SOME COUNTRY		9.78	06/28/1989
ROADS. AT VERY HIGH STAGES, STATE HIGHWAY 30 UPSTREAM ACTS AS A STRONG CONSTRICTION		0.25	04/27/2007
TO FLOOD CRESTS.		9.35	04/27/2007
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		7.63	02/27/1980
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		6.95	06/20/2006
		6.78	05/29/2003
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	ji	5.97	06/16/2000
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REACH: DOWNSTREAM TO THE OUTSKIRTS OF GRAND ISLAND, UPSTREAM TO NEAR WOOD RIVER. ELEVATION ZERO: 1895.92

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